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1. In June 1954 [] ship was boarded by a pilot and a doctor before entering Riga harbor. A boarding party consisting of customs officials, border guards, and ship agents, came on the ship after it had arrived at the pier. Controls included inspection of papers; search of crew's quarters, toilets, and wash rooms; inspection of crew's documents on deck with the crew present; sealing of cameras and binoculars; locking of the radio shack; and the posting of armed sentries on the ship during the ship's time in port. A disinfection certificate had to be presented. The liquor and tobacco which belonged to the crew was not controlled. Landing permits were issued to crew members.
2. A concrete quay wall extended about 600 meters up river from the Muehlgraben on the right bank of the Daugava River. Six modern luffing cranes with jibs capable of lifting about 15 tons were available on the quay, which was also equipped with two railroad tracks and a paved road. Four luffing cranes with six-ton grabs were also in use. No tugboats or floating cranes were observed in Riga harbor. [] 25X1
3. A high voltage line spanning the Daugava River was under construction just downstream from the small harbor basin at Rimush. The masts on the Rimush side were already erected, and a finished mast lay on the ground on the opposite bank of the river upstream from Bolderaja. 25X1
4. Upon leaving harbor, the ship was searched only for stowaways. The head of the clearing party asked the captain if he had complaints about the treatment accorded him and wished him a good voyage. 25X1

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